Recreational Deer Hunting

Recreational hunting helps to reduce the impacts of feral deer, especially when groups of neighbours coordinate their activity.

Hunting of feral animals in South Australia is confined to private property and not permitted on public land without special permission. Hunting is regulated under the National Parks and Wildlife Act – Regulations (www.legislation.sa.gov.au). Hunters must know these laws.

**Hunting on your own private land**
- Neither you, your staff nor family need a hunting permit to control feral deer on your own land.
- If using a firearm, you must have a firearems licence and your firearm must be registered.
- You should work with neighbours to coordinate your efforts.

**Hunting on private land not belonging to you**
- All hunters (including persons holding a spotlight or driving a vehicle) must have a basic hunting permit (www.environment.sa.gov.au/licences-and-permits/hunting-permits).
- You must carry written permission from the landowner dated less than 6 months ago.
- If using a firearm, you must have a firearm licence and your firearm must be registered.
- You should advise the land owner before you enter and after you leave their property.

**Hunting on public land**
- There is no public land in South Australia where individuals can hunt feral deer.

**Hunting safely**
- For more information about the code of practice on ground shooting feral deer visit www.pestsmart.org.au/ground-shooting-of-wild-deer/